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Table 1. Optimal Concentrations of ALA and ALA-esters for Protoporphyrin IX Formation.

| Substance      | Mw<br>(HCL-salt) | Optimal concentration* |       |         |
|----------------|------------------|------------------------|-------|---------|
|                |                  | mM                     | mg/ml | % (w/w) |
| ALA            | 167.6            | 200                    | 33.5  | 3.4     |
| ALA ethylester | 195.6            | 60                     | 11.7  | 1.2     |
| ALA butylester | 223.8            | 20                     | 4.5   | 0.4     |
| ALA hexylester | 251.8            | 4                      | 1.0   | 0.1     |
| ALA octylester | 279.6            | 2                      | 0.6   | 0.06    |

<sup>\*</sup>Concentration resulting in optimal porphyrin formation